

State awards more than \$145,000 in merit scholarships

The Delaware Department of Education has announced the recipients of four state merit scholarship programs for the 2018-19 academic year. Merit scholarships are competitive and awarded based on a student's academic performance, participation in school activities and service to the community. Students may apply for Delaware merit scholarships in their senior year of high school. All four awards are renewable. Three of the programs are memorial scholarships that honor state legislators and provide full tuition, fees, room, board, and books at the public colleges in Delaware. Those scholarships are:

- The B. Bradford Barnes Memorial Scholarship, in honor of the former Speaker of the State House of Representatives, is awarded to one student each year enrolling full-time at the University of Delaware. **Dana Wilkins**, a graduate of Newark Charter School, is the recipient of the B. Bradford Barnes Memorial Scholarship. Wilkins will major in biomedical engineering.
- The Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, in honor of the first African-American State Senator in Delaware, is awarded to one student each year enrolling full-time at Delaware State University. **Carissa Thorne**, a graduate of Caesar Rodney High School in the Caesar Rodney School District received the Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Thorne will major in

kinesiology.

- The Charles L. Hebner Memorial Scholarship, in honor of the former Speaker of the State House of Representatives, is awarded annually to one full-time student at the University of Delaware and one full-time student at Delaware State University who are majoring in the humanities or social sciences. (Preference is given to political science majors.) **Caroline Klinger** of private Padua Academy, is the recipient of the Charles L. Hebner Memorial Scholarship at University of Delaware. She will major in political science. **Malia Brittingham**, a homeschool graduate, is the recipient at Delaware State University. She will major in history.
- The Diamond State Scholarship assists full-time students attending regionally accredited, nonprofit colleges in any state. Winners of the Diamond State Scholarship receive \$1,250 per year. For the 2018-19 academic year, 35 students were awarded Diamond State Scholarships. They are listed below by high school:

Name	High school
Silpa Annavarapu	Newark Charter School
Caelan Backus	Seaford Senior High School
Kierstin Blatzheim	Sussex Academy
David Bondi	Archmere Academy

Josh Bredbenner	Worcester Preparatory School
Faith Brown	Charter School of Wilmington
Muhammad Burki	Dickinson (John) High School
Noah Carpe	Salesianum School
Michael Chen	Newark Charter School
Christopher Czerwinski	Newark Charter School
Ryan Dean	MOT Charter
Olivia Duke	Newark Charter School
Joshua Fickes	Charter School of Wilmington
Chloe Frantz	Newark High School
Jessica Goldschlager	Caesar Rodney High School
Melina Hudson	Milford Senior High School
Tyler Imprescia	Polytech High School
Pooja Kaji	Charter School of Wilmington
Joni Kashner	Polytech High School
Sean Kelby	Newark Charter School
Cullen Kisner	Caesar Rodney High School
Naomi Mengel	Tall Oaks Classical School
Maria Morelli	Delmar Senior High School

Timothy Mulderrig	Middletown High School
Romil Patel	Newark Charter School
Ankita Prasad	Newark Charter School
Evan Rosario	Appoquinimink High School
Ryan Singh	Middletown High School
Marshall Smith	Wilmington Christian School
Charlotte Swafford	Mt. Sophia Academy
Ryan Tarr	Appoquinimink High School
Zachary The'	Charter School of Wilmington
Maria van Venrooy	Charter School of Wilmington
Tanvi Venkatesh	Newark Charter School
Sarah Wearden	Caesar Rodney High School

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